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LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE TO KARNATAKA FOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has embarked on an aggressive drive to promote the State as tourism destination;

(b) if so, whether part of this initiative, around Rs. 20 crore will be invested on developing "Biological Park" in Bannerghatta, National Park in Bangalore;

(c) if so, whether the Government has agreed to provide assistance to the State Government to develop the tourist sports in the State; and

(d) if so, the funds provided during 2004-05?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): Development and promotion of places of tourist spots/interest is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations themselves. However, the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India provides funds for development of different tourist places on the basis of field visits/consultation with the States/UT Administrations concerned. During 2003-04, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a central financial project under its Large Revenue Generating Scheme for Rs.500.00 lakh for development of Bannerghata Biological Park in Karnataka.

(d): During the year 2004-05, four project proposals for an amount of Rs.83.07 lakhs have been sanctioned till 30th Nov. 2004.